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Wogamusin language

Wogamusin is a Papuan language found in four villages in the Ambunti District of East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea. It was spoken by about 700 people in 1998.[3]

Wogamusin	
Region	Ambunti District, East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea (4 villages)
Native speakers	700 (1998)[1]
Language family	Sepik ▪ Middle Sepik ▪ Wogamusin ▪ **Wogamusin**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`wog`
Glottolog	`woga1249 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/woga1249)`[2

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Phonology

Vowels[4]

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i		u
Mid	e	ə	o
Open		a	

In non-final positions, /u/ /o/, /i/, and /e/ are [ʊ] [ɔ], [ɪ], and [ɛ], respectively. [ə] appears only in unstressed syllables; when it is followed by /w/ it is rounded: [ɵu̯].[4]

Consonants[4]

		Bilabial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Nasal		m	n		ŋ	
Plosive	**Voiceless**	p	t		k	
	Voiced	b	d		g	
	Voiced prenasalized	ᵐb	ⁿd		ᵑg	
Fricative			s		h	
Flap			ɾ			
Approximant				j	w	

Between vowels, /b/ and /ɡ/ lenite to the fricatives [β] and [ɣ], respectively. /s/ is realized as an affricate, [ts], word-initially. /h/ is velar, [x], after /a/ and /o/. Word-finally, voiceless stops are usually unreleased.[4]

Phonotactics

The consonant /ŋ/ only occurs finally. Bilabial and velar consonants may be followed by /w/ when initial, but otherwise consonant clusters only occur over syllable boundaries, with the exception of the unusual word /məmt/ ('snake').[5]

Pronouns

Wogamusin pronouns:[6]:279

	sg	du	pl
1	nay	nond	non
2	ni	noh	nom
3m	ye	yoh	yor
3f	yo		

External links

- Paradisec has an open access collection from Theodore Schwartz that includes Wogamusin language materials (http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/TS1)

Notes

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